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diameter of the thick fibers, which is acceptable as long as it is larger than that of the thin fibers, preferably ranges from 0.06 mm to 0.3 mm. When stacking together a plurality of sheet-like fiber bundles differing in fiber thickness, fiber kind, color, etc., there are no particular limitations regarding the number of fiber bundles to be stacked together; usually, the number preferably ranges from 2 to 10.

There are no particular specific limitations regarding the fiber length; it generally ranges from approximately several centimeters to several tens of centimeters. The individual fibers may be of a uniform length or exhibit a variation.

The brush sheet 9, which can be formed, like the base material sheet 6, of paper, non-woven fabric, synthetic resin sheet, etc., is preferably formed of a synthetic resin sheet. Figs. 3A and 3B are plan views illustrating a method of producing the brush sheet 9. First, cutting is performed on an elongated sheet 11 along the longitudinal direction thereof to form a large number of cuts 12 such that cut-less portions 13 are intermittently provided as shown in Fig. 3A. Then, the substantially central portions

of the cuts 12 are cut in the width direction of the sheet 11, thereby obtaining a plurality of brush sheets 9 in each of which there are a large number of bristle-like members 8 on either side of bristle-like-member-less portions 14 as shown in Fig. 3B. It is desirable for the bristle-like members 8 to have a width larger than the diameter of the fibers forming the fiber